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Small Grains Forecast, July 1

Michigan's 2014 winter wheat production is forecast at 35.7 million bushels according to Jay Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. This report is based on conditions as of July 1, 2014. Some highlights of the Crop Production report follow:

The Michigan winter wheat yield is forecast at 70 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from last year. Winter wheat harvest had not yet begun as of July 1. Condition was rated 56 percent good to excellent, 28 percent fair, and 16 percent poor to very poor as of June 29. "Wheat is in good shape, though it is not currently at the level of the crop last year," said Johnson. "Some areas have received excessive rain in June, which negatively affected some fields."

Oat yield in Michigan is forecast at 63 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Oat planting started late this year due to the prolonged cool temperatures, but largely caught up by the middle of June. Michigan's oat crop was rated 70 percent good to excellent, 29 percent fair, and 1 percent poor as of June 29. The crop was 83 percent headed as of June 29, ahead of both last year and the five year average.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.37 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the June 1 forecast and down 11 percent from 2013. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 42.2 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from last month and down 5.2 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 32.4 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2014 but up slightly from last year.

U.S. oat production is forecast at 75.5 million bushels, up nearly 15 from 2013. Growers expect to harvest 1.15 million acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released June 30, 2014 but up 12 percent from last year.

Crop Summary, July 2014

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Oats						
Planted..... 1,000 acres	50	50	60	2,760	3,010	3,027
Harvested 1,000 acres	35	35	45	1,045	1,030	1,153
Yield..... Bushels	60	62	63	61	64	66
Production 1,000 bu	2,100	2,170	2,835	64,024	65,879	75,507
Wheat, winter						
Planted..... 1,000 acres	570	630	580	41,224	43,090	42,296
Harvested 1,000 acres	540	600	510	34,734	32,402	32,419
Yield..... Bushels	76.0	75.0	70.0	47.3	47.4	42.2
Production 1,000 bu	41,040	45,000	35,700	1,641,272	1,534,253	1,367,432